

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/24/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11-15 and 22.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This Office Action is in response to the Amendment filed on September 24, 2007. Applicant's cooperation in amending the claims to overcome the claim rejections relating to indefinite claim language is also appreciated.

Claims 11 and 15 were amended; and claims 1-10 and 16-21 were cancelled.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose or renders obvious the claimed combination of an internal combustion engine with a first, a second and a third exhaust gas turbocharger for charging the internal combustion engine, a first exhaust gas feed line arranged to lead to the first exhaust gas turbocharger, a second exhaust gas feed line arranged to lead to the second exhaust gas turbocharger, the three exhaust gas turbochargers having parallel air flows, a carrier housing arranged to hold the three exhaust gas turbochargers, a manifold arranged to collect exhaust gas streams downstream of the first and second exhaust gas turbochargers, and a common exhaust gas discharge line connected to the turbochargers, the three exhaust gas turbochargers being arranged to lie in a common place (E), the two charger axes of the first exhaust gas turbo charger and the second exhaust gas turbocharger are positioned at an angle to each other in an angular range of 55-100 and the charger axis of the third exhaust gas turbocharger lies within the angular range, the third exhaust gas turbo charger being arranged centrally between the first exhaust gas turbocharger and the second exhaust gas turbocharger, and including:

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" Regarding claim 11:

*a branch line for feeding uncompressed air to the third exhaust gas turbocharger being arranged in the air feed lines so as to feed in uncompressed air to the first gas exhaust gas turbocharger and to the second exhaust gas turbocharger."*

### **Conclusion**

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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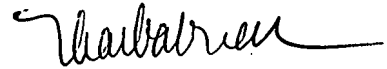
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas E. Denion can be reached on (571) 272-4859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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